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#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; OVERSIGHT

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1231, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain National Forest lands to Elko County, Nevada, for continued use as a cemetery; H.R. 2079, to provide for the conveyance of certain National Forest System lands in the State of South Dakota; H.R. 468, Saint Helena Island National Scenic Act; and H.R. 695, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to convey an administrative site in San Juan County, New Mexico, to San Juan College. Testimony was heard from Representatives Gibbons, Thune, Kildee and Udall of New Mexico; and Ron Stewart, Deputy Chief, Programs and Legislation, Forest Service, USDA.

The Subcommittee also held an oversight hearing on the Role of the National Forests in the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial (Part II). Testimony was heard from Ron Stewart, Deputy Chief, Programs and Legislation, Forest Service, USDA; and a public witness.

#### NATIONAL MONUMENT NEPA COMPLIANCE ACT

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands held a hearing on H.R. 1487, National Monument NEPA Compliance Act. Testimony was heard from John Leshy, Solicitor, Department of the Interior.

#### TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Rules:* Testimony was heard from Representatives Wolf, Paul, Barr of Georgia, Sabo and Hinchey, but no action was taken on H.R. 2084, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000.

#### EPA'S HIGH PRODUCTION CHEMICAL TESTING PROGRAM

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on EPA's High Production Volume (HPV) Chemical Testing Program. Testimony was heard from William Sanders, Director, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, EPA; and public witnesses.

#### FEDERAL RESEARCH AND SMALL BUSINESS INNOVATION RESEARCH PROGRAM

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Technology held a hearing on Federal Research and Small Business Innovation Research Program. Testimony was heard from Susan D. Kladiwa, Associate Director, Energy, Resources and Science Issues, GAO; Tim-

othy Foreman, Deputy Director, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, Department of Defense; Charles W. Wessner, Program Director, Board on Science, Technology, and Economic Policy, National Research Council, National Academy of Sciences; and a public witness.

#### VETERAN'S LEGISLATION

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs,* Subcommittee on Benefits approved for full Committee action the Veteran's Benefits Improvement Act of 1999.

#### U.S.-VIETNAM TRADE RELATIONS

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing on U.S.-Vietnam Trade Relations. Testimony was heard from Senator Kerry; Representatives Rohrabacher and Blumenauer; Douglas Peterson, U.S. Ambassador to Vietnam; and public witnesses.

### Joint Meetings

#### MONETARY POLICY

*Joint Economic Committee:* Committee concluded hearings on monetary policy and the economic outlook, after receiving testimony from Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System.

#### ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT

*Joint Meeting:* Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions held joint hearings with the House Committee on Education and Work Force on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, focusing on research and evaluation, receiving testimony from Christopher T. Cross, Council For Basic Education, and Alexandra K. Wigdor, National Academy of Sciences National Research Council, both of Washington, D.C.; Maris A. Vinovskis, University of Michigan Institute for Social Research, Ann Arbor; Edward K. Pedersen, Prince William County Public Schools, Manassas, Virginia; and Ruth Miles, Richmond Public Schools, Richmond, Virginia.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

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#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 18, 1999

##### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

##### House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

9:30 a.m., Friday, June 18

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Friday:** Senate will vote on passage of H.R. 1664, Steel, Oil and Gas Loan Program; following which, Senate will begin consideration of S. 886, State Department Authorization.

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

9 a.m., Friday, June 18

## House Chamber

**Program for Friday:** Complete consideration of H.R. 2122, Mandatory Gun Show Background Check Act, (structured rule, one hour of general debate).

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